



November 6, 2007

Dear Veterans Day Essay Contest Participants:

I want to thank each student who participated in our Veterans Day “Honoring All Who Served” Essay Contest. I am very impressed with the quality and thoughtfulness that went in to this year’s essays. I hope that each of you enjoyed reflecting on the theme “Honoring All Who Served,” and understanding how it relates to the sacrifices made by our veterans.

As the number of essay entries grows each year, it becomes harder to choose a first-place winner from each grade level. I want to congratulate those students whose essays were chosen as city-wide winners for their grade level. These students have been asked to read their essays at this year’s City of Carmel Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, November 9th. The essay winners from each grade are listed on the attached sheet. Winning essays can also be read online at www.carmel.in.gov.

The veterans are truly honored by the effort you put forth for your essay. Thanks again for taking the time to think about the gifts that veterans have given us, and for compiling a thoughtful piece on how it relates to our lives. I look forward to your participation next year.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jim Brainard'.

James Brainard
Mayor

City of Carmel “Honoring All Who Served” Essay Contest

City-Wide Winners

6th Grade: Chris Dora, Clay Middle School

7th Grade: Tori Baron, Clay Middle School

8th Grade: Katie Shoemaker, Walnut Grove Christian Preparatory School

9th Grade: Radhika Agarwal, Carmel High School

10th Grade: No Entries

11th Grade: Lexi Hiland, Carmel High School

12th Grade: Brianna Hadley, Carmel High School